

Summer 2017

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From the Office of the Village President, Linda Lavey

By the time you receive this, the work should be started on the reconstruction of Portage Street, with some long-needed repairs and upgrades. Thanks to the residents in that neighborhood for their cooperation and tolerance. Everybody let's show them some patience as they live through the summer with roadwork in front of their house. The big (really big) sewer project that was supposed to start is now delayed by some paperwork required for the federal loan. That one will travel up Howell Street from the lift station to the wastewater plant. There will be more information on that one as it gets closer. It's about maintaining the system, improving operations, and enhancing safety, but mostly it's about flushable wipes (**They aren't! Put them in the trash!**).

Meanwhile, contractors for Consumers Power are pretty much swarming around several neighborhoods, in advance of replacing residential gas lines. The Village doesn't have much more information than anyone else. Thanks for your cooperation as they hopefully finish up quickly. Do call the Village or especially 911 if you smell gas or think something is not quite right.

Village Staff frequently hear complaints, crime reports, and requests for Village services for properties outside our very small borders. I know, "Pinckney," due to the postal service and the school district, describes a much larger area than the Village. I'm proud about that, actually! I'm also proud of the resources we provide our residents. How much, though, should we be willing to share these valuable assets? Should our Police Department offer coverage out into the Township? Should we offer water and sewer service to adjacent properties? What do you think?

Summer time! Be safe and thoughtful if setting off fireworks. Get out for Hootin' in the Park, Classic Car meetings, etc.; meet your neighbors. Keep the lawn mowed, follow guidelines for brush, use sunscreen, keep cool, head for the lake(s), play some volleyball, hit the trail, don't put those portable basketball hoops too close to the road, take in a movie at the library, and a play at the Dio; eat out, cook out, camp out, support our Scouts and while you're at it, have fun.

Comments? Questions? Let me know: 734-878-6206, 734-476-6630, president@villageofpinckney.org

2017 Millage Rate

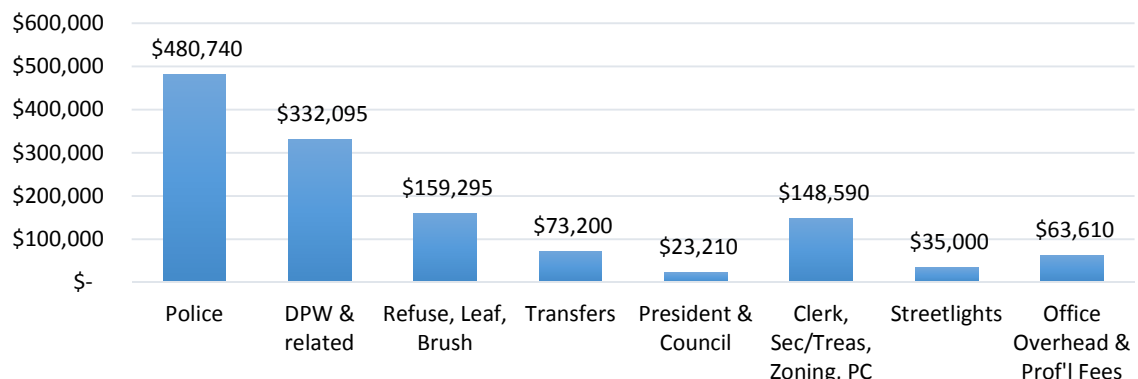
This year the millage rate was again impacted by the Headlee Rollback. After making the calculations provided to us by Livingston County Equalization, the maximum millage we can now levy for the Operating millage is 8.3897 (down from the previous 8.4201 mills). The maximum millage we can levy for Highway also decreased and is now 4.1605, however, we will still only be levying 4.0000 mills. The total mills levied for the 2017 tax year will be 12.3897.

2017 Taxes

Taxes will be accepted without interest or penalty until the due date of **Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 4pm.**

Payments can be made via mail or in person. Credit card or debit card payments can't be made at Village Hall but can be done online at villageofpinckney.org (There is a 3% fee for online payments). A drop box is to the right of the front door at Village Hall as an after-hours option. If mailing your taxes, keep in mind that postmarks are NOT accepted.

How your taxes are spent: 2017-18 BUDGETED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



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From the Chief of Police

It's summer and during these months we see an increase in people parking on lawns and parking vehicles for sale in parking lots. These things are prohibited. Please pay attention to Village Ordinance § 71.01 which covers Prohibited Parking and § 71.02 that discusses Parking Vehicles for Sale.

These ordinances can be found at www.villageofpinckney.org/ordinances.



Keeping the grass mowed not only makes the Village look tidy but it helps control small animals, bugs, and other pests. Please maintain your lawn (front, back and side yards). Properties with nuisance grass or weeds will be issued a warning. If no action is taken after a warning is issued, then a ticket will be written and the DPW will mow it and the owner will be invoiced. (Please note that residents will NOT receive more than 1 warning per year.) Any grass over 9" high is in violation of the ordinance. Also, please remember not to blow grass clippings into the street and keep them away from the storm drains as this clogs the drains.

A tip from the Huron River Watershed Council:

Use a rain barrel

Rain barrels collect rainwater runoff from rooftops and allow you to direct it to gardens and lawns where it can be infiltrated by plants and soil instead of washing over pavement.

Rain barrels also slow the rapid flow of water that enters the Huron during heavy rains, helping to prevent volatile fluctuations that cause erosion.

You save water and money! Watering your garden and lawn takes up 40% of your household water during the summer. Using water from your rain barrel is free!

Contact Livingston County Solid Waste at Solidwaste@livgov or **517.545.9609** about affordable rain barrels!



Black-eyed Susans are a native Michigan plant that are a popular food source for butterflies. Native plants usually don't require fertilizer or watering. They have deep root systems that help filter storm water and help the water soak into the ground. By planting native plants, you support the native insect population; helping to feed the 360 species of songbirds that pass through or breed in Michigan.

Last brush pick up for 2017
will be Tuesday,
September 26.

There will be a Livingston County Hunger Council Produce Cart in front of Village Hall again this year. Fresh produce will be dropped off once a week throughout the summer. The produce is free for those who need it. For those in the community who have a garden, you are welcome to share your extra produce here. It has been a fantastic give and take.

